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STIHome - Administrator Login

User Manual



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Overview

About STIHome

STIHome provides parents and students with a means of accessing school information from a remote computer, via the Internet. This information may include:

- Report Card Grades
- Current Class Averages
- Teacher Notes
- Homework Assignments
- School Events
- Attendance
- Discipline
- Student Schedule
- Class Attendance
- Attendance Calendar

Teachers and other school employees may also access STIHome. Options available with the teacher login are as follows:

- School Events
- Planner
- Class Roster
- Attendance
- Attendance Calendar

Internet Explorer Requirements

The followings versions of Microsoft Internet Explorer are required for STIHome:

- PC Users (Windows): Version 6.0 with latest service packs and updates
- Macintosh users
 - o Mac OS 9: Version 5.1 with latest service packs and updates
 - o Mac OS X: Version 5.2 with latest service packs and updates

Administrator Options / Program Setup

Student/Teacher Accounts

Before a user may log in to STIHome, the school must create a unique *PIN* (*Personal Identification Number*) for each *User ID* that will be used to access the application.

The User ID will always match the student or teacher number. However, PIN'S must be assigned within the STIOffice application. Perform the following steps in STIOffice to do this:

PIN Assignment: Per Student Method

- For each student who will access STIHome (or for each student whose parent/guardian will use the program), open the student demographic record in either Students | Add/Edit Student Information or Student Desktop.
- Click the **More** button at the bottom of the screen.
- Enter the STIHome PIN in the field provided. The PIN will function as the login password for the selected student.
- Up to eight characters may be used for PIN's. Characters may be alphabetical, numerical or a combination of both.

PIN Assignment: Mass-Assigning PIN's

By default, this option will assign PIN's to any student who does not already have a PIN.

- Go to Utilities | Students | Assign PIN Numbers.
- If you have never assigned PIN's to students, click the **Apply** button.
- If you have already assigned PIN's to students and you click **Apply**, only those students without PIN's will be assigned them.

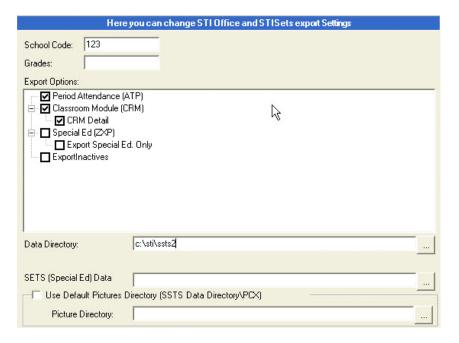
<u>WARNING</u>: Checking the *Overwrite ALL Pin #'s* box will remove and reassign all PIN's to all students. If this option is selected, it will be necessary to inform all students/parents of the PIN change.

Data Upload

STIHome data is drawn from STIOffice. The STIOffice data will be uploaded to an STIDistrict SQL database. You may upload to either a server at the central office in your district or to a server hosted at STI.

STIDistrict Net

Regardless of the method of transferal, the data will be uploaded via STI District Net. By default, the majority of the STIOffice database is uploaded to the STIDistrict database. However, there are several export options within the STIDistrict Net client that allow the user to upload additional data. This additional data is shown in the screen shot from STIDistrict Net below:



- The Period Attendance (ATP) option will upload Period Absence information.
- The *Classroom Module (CRM)* option will include Lesson Plans, Current Class Averages, and Homework).

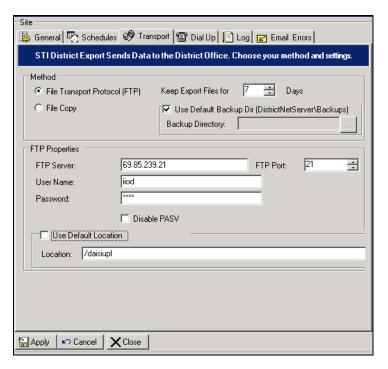
Note: Homework MUST be entered on the fourth tab (*Homework* tab) in the Lesson Plan from the STIClassroom Teacher Module.

• The CRM *Detail* will include Grade Book Activities.

These options must be checked in order for STIHome users to be able to view Current Class Averages, Graded Assignments and Class Attendance from within STIHome. If any of the data is not displayed in STIHome, the first troubleshooting step would be to ensure that these options have been selected in STIDistrict Net. An **Upload All** must be performed after changing any of these options.

 $\underline{\text{Note}}$: There will be a delay as the data is uploaded and imported into the STIDistrict SQL database.

For school systems which upload their STIOffice data to STI: Verify that the system has the proper *Site* settings on the *Transport* tab for the site. The correct settings should be as shown below:



• **FTP Server**: The address is 69.85.239.20.

• User Name: iiod

• Password: iiod

• **Use Default Location**: UNCHECK this box.

• **Location**: Clear this field.

Click the **Apply** button to save any changes.

Data Entry in STIHome

Most data entry for the information shown in STIHome is performed through either STIOffice or the STIClassroom Teacher Module. However, some data may be entered through the STIHome Teacher's Login or School Administrator Login.

Teacher Notes

There are several areas in STIHome in which teachers may enter or display Teacher Notes. These notes are entered per student/per class through the **Class Roster** link by clicking on a particular student in a particular class. The notes will then appear in STIHome to users who are logged on as students (which would include parents) when they select the **Teacher Notes** link and then click on the number preceding the applicable course name.

Teacher Comments and Activity Comments

Teacher comments may also be seen on the *Current Class Averages* page. These comments are entered per student in the STIClassroom Teacher Module's *Grade Book* screen by highlighting ANY score in the *Activity* column for a student and then clicking the **Enter Comment** button on the toolbar (this may also be accomplished by right-clicking on the score in the *Activity* column and choosing **Enter Comment** from the pop-up menu). DO NOT confuse this teacher comment with an *Activity Comment*, which is visible on the *Homework Assignments* page in STIHome. Activity Comments are entered per score and are entered in the Teacher Classroom Module' Grade Book by double-clicking on a particular score for a particular student and then entering the comment about the score on the *Comment* tab.

Report Card Comments

Report Card Grades in STIHome may also have comments. These comments are entered through the *Manual Grade Entry* portion of the Teacher Classroom Module.

Customizing STIHome

Customization options are available for STIHome. The user may enable or disable various links in the program. Please contact STI Technical Support by phone at (877) 844-0884 or via the Web site at http://support.sti-k12.com/ for assistance.

Getting Started

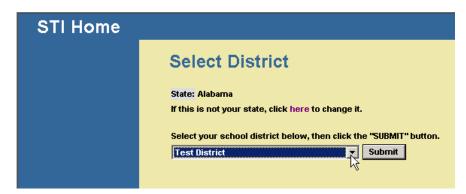
Logging In

The URL for STIHome is https://home.sti-k12.com/default.htm.

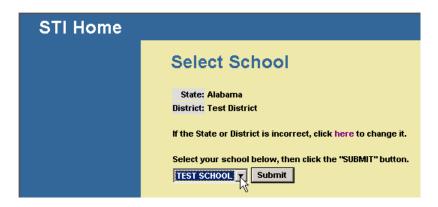
• To log in to the program, click on your state in the opening screen.



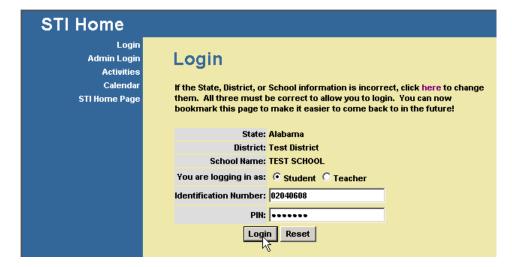
• Select your district from the drop-list in the next screen and then click the **Submit** button to proceed.



 Select your school from the drop-list that appears next and click Submit.



• The *Login* screen will appear. Bullet the appropriate type of login (*Student* or *Teacher*) and then enter your ID Number and PIN in the spaces provided. Click **Submit** to log in.



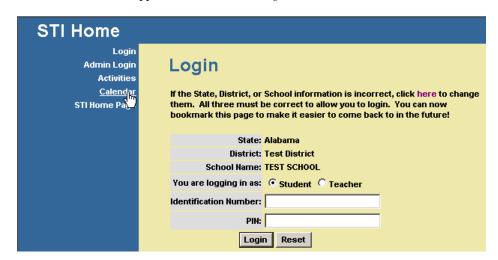
Administrator Login

To log in as an administrator, the user must click the **Admin Login** link in the upper left corner of the *Login* screen, and then proceed as described above. Note that in order to log in as a School Administrator, the user must enter his/her Teacher ID as listed in STIOffice, and this ID must be entered with an *Employee Type* of **Admin**. To log in as a District Administrator, the user should enter his/her District Workstation User ID (the user must be a member of the *Admin* group in the STIDistrict Workstation in order to access STIHome as an Administrator).



Other Options in the Login Screen

Prior to logging in, the user may view *Activities* (or school announcements); the school *Calendar*; or the STI Home Page by clicking any of the appropriate links in the upper left corner of the *Login* screen.



District Administrator Home Page

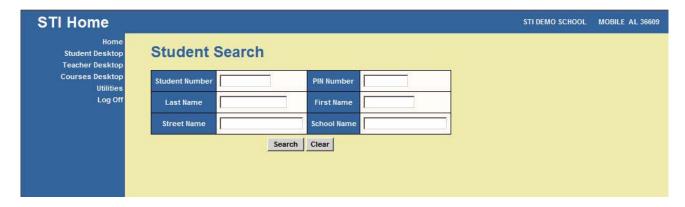
After logging in as a District Administrator, the user will have several options.

- **Student Desktop** may be used to search for student information for any student in the district.
- **Teacher Desktop** may be used to search for teacher information for any teacher in the district.
- Courses Desktop is used to view the course catalog for any school in the district.
- **Utilities** may be used to view STIHome usage statistics for the district. Here the user may also generate reports listing students or teachers who do not have PIN's assigned.



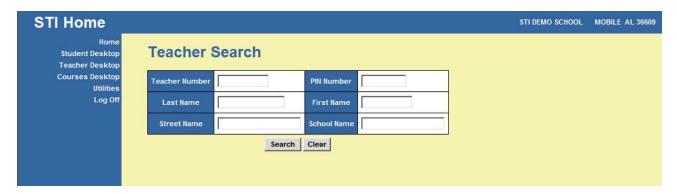
Student Desktop

The user may search for students in the district by *Student Number*, *PIN*, *Last Name*, *First Name*, *Street Name* or *School Name*. The search system will accept partial names or numbers in any of these fields to retrieve "wildcard" results (for example, the first few letters of a last name will pull up all students whose last names begin with those letters).



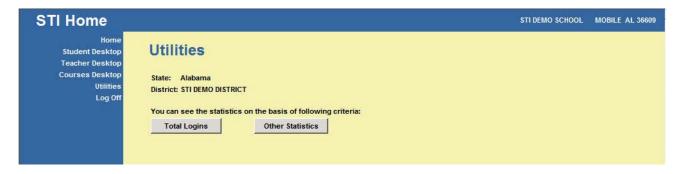
Teacher Desktop

The user may search for teachers in the district by *Teacher Number*, *PIN*, *Last Name*, *First Name*, *Street Name* or *School Name*. As with the student search, the system will accept partial names or numbers in any of these fields.



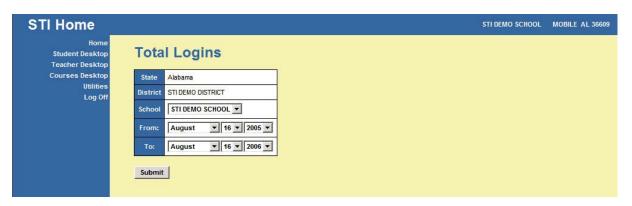
Utilities

The **Utilities** section may be used to view the total number of logins made by parents or teachers. The administrator may also view reports listing any students or teachers who do not currently have PIN's assigned.

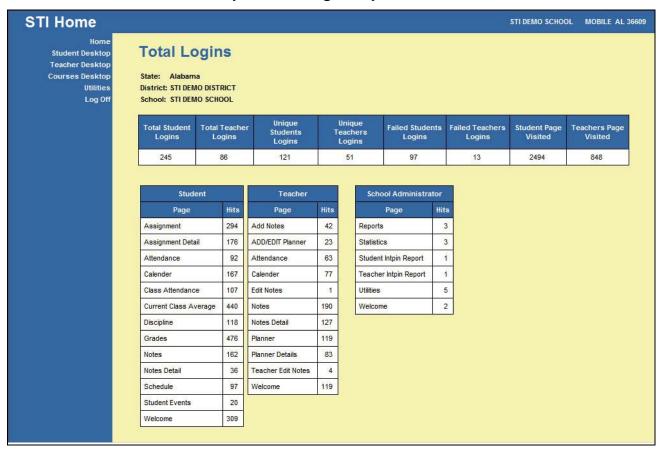


Total Logins Report

The Total Logins report is run per school. To generate this report, choose the school from the drop-down list and then select the date range by entering the month/day/year in the *From* and *To* drop down boxes. Click **Submit** to build the report.



Sample Total Login Report



- The *Total Student Logins* field shows the total number of logins by students or parents. This number <u>would</u> include multiple logins by the same student from two different IP addresses.
- Total Teacher Logins lists the total number of logins by teachers.
- Unique Students Logins lists the total number of logins per student, regardless of how many IP addresses are used to access the student. Multiple logins by the same student from different IP's will only be counted once for this value.
- Unique Teachers Logins lists the total number of logins per teacher regardless of how many IP addresses are used to access the teacher. Multiple logins to the same teacher from different IP's will only be counted once.
- Failed Students Logins shows the total number of failed attempts to login as a student. This is usually due to an incorrect Student Number or PIN, but if this number is unusually high, it may be an indicator of a "hacking" attempt. If this is suspected, please contact STI Technical Support for assistance in tracing these failed login attempts.
- Failed Teachers Logins shows the total number of failed attempts to login as a teacher. This is usually due to an incorrect Teacher Number

- or PIN, but as with the Failed Student Login field, an unusually high number here could indicate a hacking attempt.
- *Student Page Visited* lists the total number of page views of STIHome's student-related Web pages.
- Teachers Page Visited lists the total number of page views of STIHome's teacher-related Web pages.
- Below these statistics is a breakdown of individual Student, Teacher, or Administrator-related Web pages viewed.

Other Reports

The **Reports** options are accessed by clicking the **Other Statistics** button.

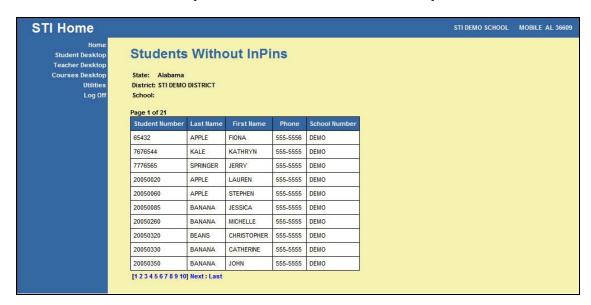


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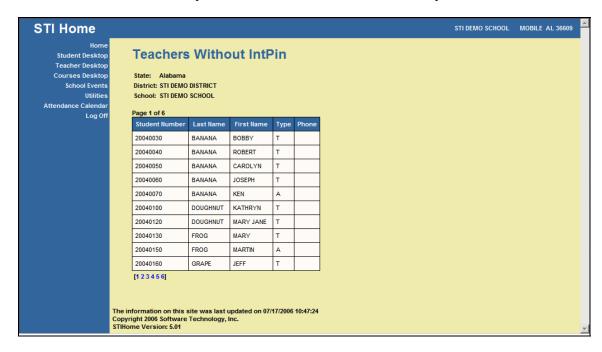
- Report of the Students without the InPin
- Report of the Teachers without the InPin.

These options will produce reports listing any students or teachers who do not currently have STIHome PIN's assigned to them.

Sample Students Without InPins Report



Sample Teachers Without InPins Report



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